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99/1. Multi-year funding framework

The Executive Board

1. Reaffirms its decision 98/23, and in this context takes note of the report of the Administrator on the multi-year funding framework (DP/1999/CRP.4);

2. Also reaffirms the need to reverse the decline in core resources and to place UNDP core funding on a predictable and continuous basis and to reach, as soon as possible, the target of $1.1 billion while recognizing the risk involved in overdependence on a limited number of donors;

3. Further reaffirms the importance of the development of the multi-year funding framework (MYFF) as an integral element of the funding strategy approved by the Board in its decision 98/23;

4. Welcomes the steps the Administrator has taken in this regard and takes note of the development of a reporting system to the Board comprising an annual results-oriented report (ROAR) and a four-yearly assessment of the multi-year funding framework (MYFFR) and requests the Administrator to continue to develop the multi-year funding framework and the reporting system in accordance with the timetable set out in paragraph 65 of document DP/1999/CRP.4, taking into account the views of the Board and fully respecting the principles contained in its decision 98/23;

5. Decides to hold the first funding session, in accordance with paragraph 12 (b) of decision 98/23, at the second regular session 1999, and requests the Administrator to make the necessary arrangements as outlined in paragraphs 52 to 63 of document DP/1999/CRP.4;

6. Requests all States members of UNDP to communicate their voluntary core contributions, as indicated in decision 98/23, and a schedule of payments, in writing, to the Secretariat by the beginning of April at the latest to facilitate efficient preparation of the funding session; and requests the Administrator to provide for that session a record of actual core contributions and payment of government contributions to local office costs;

7. Also requests the Administrator to continue to hold open-ended, informal consultations with States members of UNDP on the further development and implementation of the multi-year funding framework;

8. Further requests the Administrator to submit the following reports as part of the further implementation of the funding strategy:

(a) An interim report to the Executive Board at its annual session 1999 on the implications of the funding strategy for the funds and programmes associated with UNDP; and

(b) A report to the Executive Board at its annual session 2000 on the proposed timing, format and content of the multi-year funding framework, including a clear indication of how the lessons learned in one multi-year funding framework cycle will be fed into the next cycle;

9. Decides to continue consideration of ways and means to redress resource shortfalls as and when necessary.

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99/2. Successor programming arrangements

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the additional information on the review of the successor programming arrangements contained in document DP/1999/CRP.3;

2. Recalls that in its decision 98/19, the Executive Board, inter alia:

(a) Decided to apply the various financial planning parameters of decision 95/23 for the years 2000-2001, including the provisions of paragraph 25;

(b) Endorsed the proposed extension of the percentage earmarkings for programme resources set out in decision 95/23 with certain modifications from 2001 onwards (as specified in para. 4 of decision 98/19); and

(c) Reaffirmed the basic methodology for the distribution of resources as described in paragraphs 21-26 of decision 95/23 as the basis for calculating target for resource assignments from the core line 1.1.1 (TRAC-1) earmarkings for individual countries, as well as for overall TRAC allocations, with certain modifications from the year 2001 (as specified in para. 5 of decision 98/19);

3. Reaffirms, as basic principles for the allocation of programme resources in accordance with paragraphs 21-26 of decision 95/23: the focus on the low-income and least developed countries; progressivity in favour of the low-income countries; and a gradual move to net contributor status and graduation for countries that achieve higher levels of gross national products;

4. Decides to use 1997 or latest available gross national product per capita and population data in the calculation of TRAC-1 earmarkings for the years 2001-2003;

5. Decides to adjust the gross national product per capita breakpoint delineating the low- and middle-income countries from $750 to $900;

6. Expresses concern that unless there is early attainment of the target of $1.1 billion, the focus on low-income countries and least developed countries in terms of impact would not be attained and requests the Administrator to propose to the Executive Board ways and means to redress any shortfall in the target;

7. Recognizes the important contribution that UNDP brings to supporting net contributor countries in their pursuit of the objectives of sustainable human development;

8. Decides that UNDP should consider net contributor countries as a separate group of programme countries outside the TRAC distribution model;

9. Endorses the proposal to eliminate the system of reimbursable TRAC earmarkings with effect from 2001, subject to the following provisions:

(a) First-time net contributor countries will continue to receive, for a grace period of three years, a TRAC-1 calculated at 60 per cent of the earmarking of the previous period;

(b) First-time net contributor countries will continue to benefit from the waiver of Government local office costs during the grace period of three years;

(c) After the grace period, reimbursement of the country office costs shall be ensured by the net contributor country through a flexible mix of instruments;

(d) UNDP must consult with Governments on costs associated with the UNDP local office structure;

(e) Whenever there should be a Resident Representative and a Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP should continue to cover the cost;

10. Also endorses the proposed establishment in all interested net contributor countries of a locally reimbursed revolving TRAC (LRRT), providing a flexible and responsive tool for UNDP support as follows:

(a) The initial outlay to the LRRT in a new net contributor country in the three-year grace period will be funded from its TRAC-1 earmarking. For an existing net contributor country, the initial outlay will be funded by the net contributor country itself. Any outlays under the LRRT will be subsequently reimbursed from government or third-party cost-sharing contributions;

(b) The LRRT will be used as seed funding for the initiation of UNDP non-core development activities;

(c) The level and use of the funding will be discussed and agreed to at the country level;

(d) All UNDP rules, regulations and procedures will continue to apply, including the elaboration of a country cooperation framework for approval by the Executive Board;

11. Decides to maintain the current gross national product per capita thresholds for net contributor countries at $4,700;

12. Requests the Administrator to proceed with the calculation of TRAC-1 earmarkings in accordance with the provisions of the present decision and of paragraphs 4 and 5 of decision 98/19, using 1997 or the latest available data, and on this basis to proceed with programme planning and implementation for the period 2001-2003;

13. Also requests the Administrator to submit to the Executive Board, at its annual session 2002, a report on possible improvements of the present TRAC resource distribution model, including a review of thresholds.

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99/3. Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 1999

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the first regular session 1999 it:

ITEM 1: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Elected the following members of the Bureau for 1999:

President:	H.E. Mr. Asda Jayanama (Thailand)
Vice-President:	Ms. Jana Simonova (Czech Republic)
Vice-President:	H.E. Dr. John W. Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda)
Vice-President:	Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland)
Vice-President:	Mr. Aboubacar Dione (Guinea)

Approved the agenda and work plan for its first regular session 1999 (DP/1999/L.1) as orally amended;

Approved the report of the third regular session 1998 (DP/1999/1);

Approved the annual work plan 1999 for the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board as orally amended;

Agreed to reschedule its second regular session 1999 from 5-9 April 1999 to 12-16 April 1999;

Agreed to the following schedule of future sessions of the Executive Board in 1999:

Second regular session 1999:	12-16 April 1999
Annual session 1999:	14-25 June 1999 (New York)
Third regular session 1999:	13-17 September 1999

Agreed to the following tentative schedule of future sessions of the Executive Board in 2000:

First regular session 2000:	24-28 January 2000
Second regular session 2000:	27-31 March 2000
Annual session 2000:	12-23 June 2000 (Geneva)
Third regular session 2000:	11-15 September 2000

Agreed to the subjects to be discussed at the second regular session 1999 of the Board, as listed in the annex to the present decision;

UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT

ITEM 2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

Took note of the UNDP report on an updated overview of implementation of recommendations of the Board of Auditors, including an updated timetable (DP/1999/3);

Took note of the UNFPA report on an updated overview of implementation of recommendations of the Board of Auditors (DP/FPA/1999/2);

UNDP SEGMENT

ITEM 3: UNDP 2001

Took note of the progress report on the implementation of change management (DP/1999/CRP.2);

ITEM 4: COUNTRY COOPERATION FRAMEWORKS AND RELATED MATTERS

Adopted decision 99/2 of 29 January 1999 on successor programming arrangements;

Approved the following country cooperation frameworks:

First country cooperation framework for Kenya (DP/CCF/KEN/1);

First country cooperation framework for Madagascar (DP/CCF/MAG/1);

First country cooperation framework for Niger (DP/CCF/NER/1);

First country cooperation framework for Suriname (DP/CCF/SUR/1);

First country cooperation framework for Tajikistan (DP/CCF/TAJ/1);

ITEM 5: UNDP: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Took note of the oral presentations on key areas of communication needs and of the comments made thereon by delegations;

ITEM 6: SPECIAL FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

Took note of the report on activities of the Global Environment Facility, the Montreal Protocol, the Office to Combat Desertification and Drought (UNSO)

and the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/1999/4);

ITEM 7: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Adopted decision 99/1 of 29 January 1999 on a UNDP multi-year funding framework;

ITEM 8: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Decided to postpone consideration of this item to the second regular session 1999;

ITEM 9: FIELD VISITS

Took note of the reports on the field visits to Bangladesh (DP/1998/CRP.13), Tunisia and Lebanon (DP/1998/CRP.14) and South Africa (DP/1998/CRP.15);

UNFPA SEGMENT

ITEM 10: COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS

Approved the following country programmes:

Assistance to the Government of Burundi (DP/FPA/BDI/4);

Assistance to the Government of Madagascar (DP/FPA/MDG/4);

ITEM 11: OTHER MATTERS

Authorized the Bureau to approve the nomination from the Western Europe and Other States group for a member and an alternate to serve on the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health for a one-year term, with the nomination to be confirmed at the second regular session 1999;

ITEM 12: JOINT MEETING OF THE UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP EXECUTIVE BOARDS

Held a joint meeting with presentations made on areas of concerted action in 1999 and on the proposed revised format for the future biennial support budget, including the report thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1996/6-DP/FPA/1999/1-E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.2; DP/1999/7-DP/FPA/1999/3-E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.4).

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Annex

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
WORKPLAN 1999

Second regular session 1999 (12-16 April 1999)
(5 working days)

Item No.	Nature of report	Action/ Information	Time allotted	Item and subject
1				ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
	Official (DP/1999/L.2)	A		Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents
	Official	A		Report on the first regular session 1999
	Official	I		Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 1999
			½ day	
				JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT
2				REPORTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
	Official	A		
3				COMMON PREMISES AND SERVICES
	CRP	I		Progress report
4			1 day	STATEMENTS ON FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNDP AND UNFPA
				UNFPA SEGMENT
5				COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS
	Official	A	½ day	
6				TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES
	Official	I	½ day	Progress report on the effectiveness of improvements in the operation of the Technical Support Services system (98/6)
				SECTOR-WIDE APPROACHES
7	Official	I		

Item No.	Nature of report	Action/ Information	Time allotted	Item and subject
8				ICPD+5
	CRP	I	½ day	Progress report on ICPD+5 process, including the outcome of The Hague International Forum
9				RESOURCE MOBILIZATION
	CRP	I	½ day	Follow-up to decision 98/24 on UNFPA funding strategy
10				EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
	Official	I	½ day	UNFPA assistance in emergency situations
				UNDP SEGMENT
11				FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
	Official	A	½ day	Risk management
				COUNTRY COOPERATION FRAMEWORKS AND RELATED MATTERS
12	Official	A		Country cooperation frameworks
13			½ day	OTHER MATTERS

Abbreviations: A = action; CRP = conference room paper; I = information.